

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following paragraph:

[0001] This application is a Divisional of U.S. Serial No. 09/706,540 filed November 4, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,689,753, issued February 10, 2004, which claims priority from U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/163,911, which was filed on November 5, 1999.

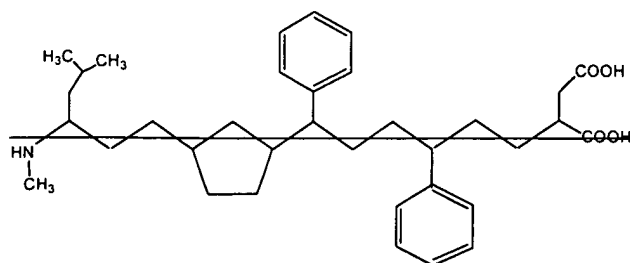
Please replace the paragraph under the Abstract heading with the following paragraph:

**ABSTRACT**

~~The present invention is an inhibitory peptide capable of inhibiting  $\beta$  pleated sheet formation in amyloid  $\beta$  peptide. The inhibitory peptide is a  $\beta$ sheet breaker peptide analog designed by chemical modification of a  $\beta$ sheet breaker peptide capable of inhibiting  $\beta$  pleated sheet formation in amyloid  $\beta$  peptide.~~

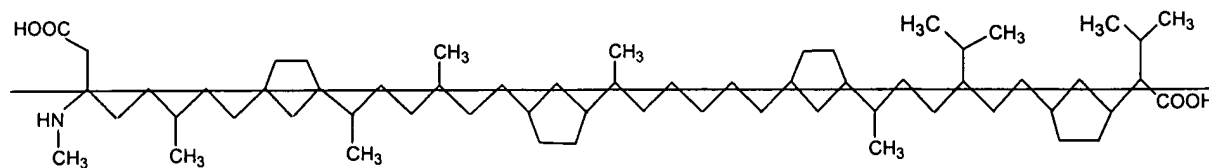
~~The present invention also includes an inhibitory peptide capable of inhibiting conformational changes in prion PrP protein associated with amyloidosis. The inhibitory peptide being a  $\beta$ sheet breaker peptide analog designed by chemical modification of a  $\beta$ sheet breaker peptide capable inhibiting said conformational changes in prion PrP protein associated with amyloidosis.~~

In addition, the present invention includes a peptide mimetic with the following structure:



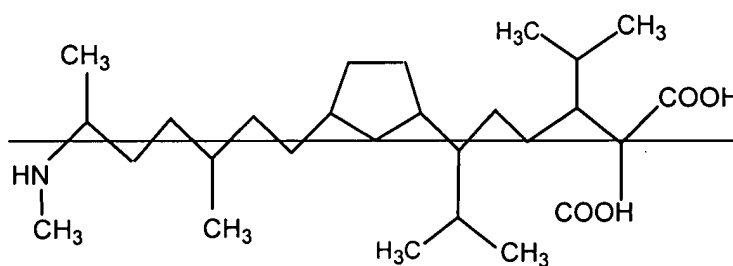
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~~In another embodiment, the peptide mimetic has the following structure:~~



**PMiPrP13**

~~In yet another embodiment, the peptide mimetic has the following structure:~~



**PMiPrP5**

The present invention provides peptide analogs and peptide mimetics that inhibit pleated sheet formation in amyloid  $\beta$ -peptide, pharmaceutical compositions thereof and their therapeutic use. The inhibitory peptides possess activity as inhibitors in the formation of amyloid-like deposits and are useful in the treatment of Alzheimer's Disease.